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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Office of Engineering and Technology Seeks Comment on Application by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) for Expanded Scope Recognition as a Laboratory Accreditation Body for Authority to Accredite Laboratories in Additional Countries, ET Docket No. 16-313

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On May 9, 2017 representatives of Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”)¹ met with staff from the FCC Office Engineering & Technology to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. During the meeting, TIA expressed appreciation at the Commission’s efforts to provide a pathway to laboratory accreditation. TIA also, however, related to the Commission that allowing this separate path for accreditation of Chinese government laboratories and potential participation by the Chinese accreditation body may harm the ability of the United States government to forge a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for communications equipment authorizations. The lack of telecom MRA between the United States and China could harm the competitiveness of U.S. companies seeking to sell their products in China.

TIA presented two examples of previous regulatory mechanisms for ensuring parity in market access, suggesting that the Commission consider current and future arrangements in light of these precedents. Those two examples are described in greater detail in the attached presentation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed in ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Henry

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¹ TIA is a Washington, DC-based trade association and American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standard developer that represents the global information and communications technology (“ICT”) manufacturer, vendor, and supplied community. TIA represents approximately 250 participating companies producing product and services empowering communications in every industry and market, including healthcare, education, security, public safety, transportation, government, and the military, the environment, and entertainment. See <http://tiaonline.org>.

Telecommunications Industry Association

Enc: List of Meeting Attendees
Meeting Presentation

Cc: FCC meeting participants (via email)

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